

In Perilous Waters.

"Bout ship! O, brother mariners!
The needful we should flee;
For pleasure spreads her luring net
Beneath this hungry sea.
We're death to us, did we but pass
Your ridge of creamy foam;
There, in a sea-cave far from deep,
The siren makes her home.

"O'er lucid waves of golden green
Soft breezes bear along
To ears that will not be beguiled
The wanton's dearest song:
We scorn the glamour of her face,
A-dance with not desire;
No charm lies in the hateful look
Of eyes that scorch like fire.

"Her kisses pall, her love is false—
So quick to seaward sail;
For kinder is the stress of waves—
Less cruel is the gale.
The haven of our hope doth lie
Hard by a brighter shore;
There may we strike our fatter'd sails,
And rest us evermore."
(London Graphic.)

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

The *Times* states that during the coming Autumn a dozen Irish M. P.'s will assist Mr. Parnell in conducting the Land agitation.

Professor Leone Levi, writing from Westport, Connemara, sends a long letter to the *Times* on the condition of Ireland, with various suggestions for remedying the wants of the country, the chief of which he considers to be capital, confidence, industry. Among the measures he suggests are the abolition of the law of primogeniture and entail, the embankment of the coast, the reclamation of large portions of land, the formation of railways, emigration, and the expansion of the Education Act.

It is stated that the Irish harvest over a great breadth of the cropped area is now housed and safe, and the yield is satisfactory, in some crops abundant, the potatoes particularly so.

A man named Michael Duke, 33 years of age, a dairyman in the employment of William Ball, 41, Stoneybatter, Dublin, was found dead on September 9th under rather peculiar circumstances.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Sidney papers announce the death of the Very Rev. D. McAlorey, V.G., of Goulimore, who breathed his last at Albany, Dr. McAlorey, was a native of King's County, Ireland, and began his missionary work in Australia thirteen years ago. He built convents and churches at a cost of £40,000 and raised schools for the poor, and his capacity for labor seemed unlimited.

An enthusiastic and largely attended land meeting was held at Clonmacnoise, on Sept. 5th, where stood the historic ruins of the Seven Churches. There were present the Rev. Mr. Athlone, Ballinasloe, Tullamore, Banagher, Clare, Fermanagh, county Sligo, and other localities. A few appropriate banners were displayed with the usual mottoes. The Ballinasloe, the Temperance, and the Clare banners were present on the platform, which was erected outside the churchyard wall, in view of the lordly Shannon. Mr. Thomas Brennan attended as the representative of the Irish National Land League. The Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, P.P., Clonmacnoise, occupied the chair.

CORK.

A demonstration, the like of which was never seen since the day of O'Connell, is to be got up in Cork, in honor of Mr. Parnell, who intends shortly to make a triumphal march through that beautiful city. The first Sunday in October was the day chosen for the *feet*. The Land League of Cork are making the preparations. The trades have been invited to come out in full ranks, and the Nationalists are also called upon to appear and do honor to the Land League leader.

At the meeting of the Cork Land League, on Sept. 4th, several cases of alleged hardship towards tenants were mentioned and discussed. It was unanimously decided on the occasion of Mr. Parnell's approaching visit to Cork, a public meeting would be held to consolidate the League, and that an election of officers and a committee would take place. It was suggested that the election should be held by ballot.

The Sheriff's officer proceeded to the lands of Tureenagazy, Kingwilliamstown, on Sept. 4th, occupied by Patrick O'Donoghue, one of Lord Ventry's tenants, who was evicted a few days before for non-payment of rent, to sell the crops, but no bidders forthcoming the sale fell through.

An old gentleman named Wright, residing on the Mardyke, Cork, met with a horrible death by burning, on Sept. 5th. It appeared deceased, who was about 80 years of age, got out of bed and struck a match. The flame came in contact with his night gown, which in an instant was all a blaze, and before assistance could be obtained he was dreadfully burned.

The police of the Great George's street were immediately informed of the occurrence, and the gentleman was conveyed to the North Infirmary, where he expired. At Cloughan Petty Sessions, on Sept. 7th, four men named Thomas Clancy, Maurice Casey, William Fitzgerald, and Thomas Fitzgerald, and a woman named Mary Hartnett, were charged with rescue, with assaulting and intimidating the sheriff's bailiffs at a place called Ballywenna, on the 12th ult. It was proved that the bailiffs were bringing twenty-four sheep off a farm, when some sixty persons rushed in on them, whistling, screaming, threatening them with stones, and shoving them. The sheep were rescued, and the accused were recognized as among the crowd. They were returned for trial to Milford Quarter Sessions.

The Scraman tenants were forcibly reinstated in their holdings, on Sept. 8th, by a body of armed men. They stated that the lodging-house where they were living since the eviction, about two months ago, with their faces colored, and armed with guns; that they were suddenly awakened from sleep, and quickly removed to their respective houses, where they were greeted with large turf fires newly lit. In addition, new locks were placed on the doors. The party then left. Before going, however, they warned the tenants to remain in the house, and that the first who should leave would be murdered. The Scraman estate belongs to Archbishop Bland, who, it may be remembered, lately reinstated two of his tenants, the negotiation respecting the other falling through.

The *Record* has been long before the public,

and attempts to sell the produce on the farm have been frustrated.

On Sept. 8th, a party of men, numbering sixty, armed with guns, pistols and pikes, entered a cow-shed, in which a woman named Leary and her children temporarily resided, at Glountan, near Castlesland, on Lord Ventry's estate, and removed them and their furniture to their former dwellings, from which they were evicted for non-payment of rent. They afterwards placed Mrs. Leary on her knees and made her swear never to give up possession under pain of death. The party of men were disguised, and none of them was known. The affair has created great sensation in the locality.

LIMERICK.

At Rathaskey, a small farmer named Patrick Downey, hired a machine for the purpose of threshing his corn, and late on the night of Sept. 5th, shots were fired, it is stated, into the man's house, two men being posted with guns outside to prevent his exit. A later account reports him as having succumbed to his injuries. A number of other men smashed the threshing machine, which was in a field adjoining Downey's premises, with repeated blows of a sledge hammer.

CLARE.

On Sept. 9th, a tenant farmer named Michael Cusack, of Ballybloody, near Kilkishan, county Clare, part of the estate of Lord Leonfield, reported to the police that about 12 o'clock on the previous night three shots had been fired into his house without doing any injury to himself or family. It is alleged by Cusack that this act of intimidation was owing to his having bid for a cottier holding about an acre adjoining his own farm, which was wanted by other tenants on the same property.

WATERFORD.

A process-server named Quinn received very rough usage on Sept. 9th, when endeavoring to serve an ejectment notice on a farm near Waterford. He was knocked down, compelled to swear he would never serve another process, and had to destroy all his documents before he was allowed to depart and even then was pursued by men with pitchforks.

DERRY.

On Sept. 4th, a number of young lads went in on the east side of the river Banagh, at the Grove Shore, Coleraine, to bathe. The tide was going out at the time, and the water was running rapidly at the place. One of the lads named Matthew Jameson, aged 13 years, went rather close to the channel of the river, and he was swept over. The other lads gave the alarm, and one of them, named Dimsore, went to his rescue, but the drowning lad entangled him so much that he had to let him go or he himself would have met a similar fate. A young man named Bradley, who was also going to bathe on the opposite side of the river, on being appealed to, at once plunged into the water, and swam across to the spot pointed out as the place the lad had sunk. At the second view he brought the body to the shore, but Dr. McKeay pronounced him to be extinct. An inquest was held by Daniel Earley, Esq., Coroner, in the evening, and a verdict of death by drowning was returned.

GALWAY.

On September 6th, a man named Joyce, living at Craughwell, near Loughrea, was employed cutting hay on a farm from which a tenant had been evicted. Joyce had begun work when two strange men sprang from behind a ditch, and placing two revolvers to his head, threatened to fire. He screamed for mercy, and was granted his life on giving a solemn oath that he would never work there again.

On September 10th, an eviction took place at Moreen, on Captain Dudley Perse's property. Fearing a disturbance, there was a large force of police present, under the command of Sub-Inspector Carroll, of Gort. There were some peasant present, but no disturbance took place. The evicted man's name is John Fallon, and he is a member of the Ballinacorney branch of the Land League. In the evening the man and his family were removed to the Loughrea Workhouse, where they now remain.

Mr. James Redpath has sent \$5 to Father Joyce, of Loughrea, for the poor of his parish. In his letter of thanks Father Joyce says: "The cry of the bountiful harvest is raised in several quarters. As far as this immediate neighborhood is concerned the harvest is not worth holding. I have examined the potato crop through the parish, I have made particular inquiries among the people, and from what I have seen and heard I can safely assert that the one-fourth of the potato crop is not sound—even the champion crop is bad as the old seeds. The oat crop is pretty fair, but owing to the inferior quality of the soil the people here don't sow much oats, so the crop is not of much value. It is no wonder then that the people view with alarm the landlord coming at them for the rent, the shopkeeper for debts, and the poor law guardians for the price of the seeds. If the Government wish to act liberally they ought at once remit the money advanced for seeds. By their doing so they would confer a great boon on the poor people, for which I am sure they would be very thankful."

MAYO.

On Sunday, September 5th, Ballycorry, situated some twenty-five miles from Westport, in the bosom of the Achill mountains, was the scene of a land meeting. The number of people present amounted to between five and six thousand. Places as distant as Belmullet, which is thirty miles from where the meeting was held, sent large contingents—all horsemen. Not a man attended who had not either a green sprig in his hat or a green rosette in his breast. The land meeting for the beginning of the proceedings was three o'clock, but business did not commence for two hours later. Delay was occasioned by the whole meeting being put through some intricate military manoeuvring, which was executed with rapidity and accuracy. In reply to inquiries made from the peasantry along the road, the Irish *Times* correspondent was given very discouraging accounts of the harvest. The potatoes were rotting fast, whilst the yield is not more than that of last year. From all he heard he was reluctantly forced to the conclusion that

the coming winter will be equally as trying as last; The chair was taken by Mr. James Conway, a tenant farmer. The usual resolutions were passed and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

THE BEARING OF SCIENCE ON THE MIRACLES AT KNOCK.

The following communication appears in the current issue of the *London Tablet*:—

Aug. 21st, 1880.
Sir,—In the *Tablet*, August 21st, your own Dublin correspondent speaks of the alleged miracles at Knock (p. 248), and the qualifying adjective seems to be a very very one. I write as a physiologist, with some experience of delusions of judgment, and of the phenomena of what are termed "subjective sensations."

In various disorders of the nervous system, visions and apparitions do appear. Physiology has spoken on this point. We have evidence of the strongest and most unimpeachable character to prove that the testimony of the eyes or of the sensation is not always to be trusted.

There is a well-known case quoted by Sir David Brewster, of a lady, Mrs. A., who was troubled with spectral visions or apparitions. In her case the sensations were subjective sensations. Huxley, in his *Lectures on Physiology* (p. 273), observes upon this fact that Mrs. A. undoubtedly saw what she said she saw. The evidence of her eyes as to the existence of the apparitions, and of her ears as to those of the voices, was in itself as perfectly trustworthy as their evidence would have been had the objects really existed, but her retina and sensorium were thrown into a state of abnormal activity by some internal cause. There are numerous instances of a similar nature.

I do not desire to express any opinion on the miracles. In this age of so little faith it may be undesirable to check the devotion which prompts the deaf, the blind, the lame, the paralyzed to seek at the shrine of Knock relief or cure.

But we are living in times when the Catholic Church has not only to withstand the attacks aimed at her by those who would subvert religion of all kinds, but she has further to vindicate her position as the protector of science and culture, as the enemy of superstition and of all that may be false. In your article on Catholicism and Culture (same number) I think you have proved that the Catholic Church is not at all hostile to the cause of science. The difficulty of convincing Protestants on this point is very great. They believe that the Church makes capital out of such apparitions as those reported at Knock, and they say "that in the present advanced condition of society a Church which favors such exhibitions as those at Knock is unworthy of the consideration of intelligent men on such evidence as is at present advanced."

The Church has not yet spoken on the apparitions, or pronounced an authoritative opinion as to their actual occurrence, so as to render a binding all Catholics to believe in them. If she had done so I would not have troubled you with this letter, or with the suggestions I have to offer.

In the present open state of the question I would suggest that a commission of medical men be appointed to visit the shrine, or disprove, what some of her children have already, in spirit of faith, accepted as miraculous beyond dispute.

In France, I believe precautions of this kind are always adopted, not to guard against imposition, but to avoid the errors arising from the subjective sensations I allude to. I am yours faithfully,

PHYSIOLOGIST.

O'CONNELL'S RULE OF LIFE.

This precious *souvenir* of Daniel O'Connell has been recently published in the *Ace Maria*; but having received the following transcript of it, which was made by his daughter, from Lady Georgiana Fullerton, we gladly produce it. The original was found among the papers of the great emancipator after his decease in 1847:

- 1st. To avoid any wilful occasion of temptation.
- 2nd. To appeal to God, and to invoke the Blessed Virgin and the saints in all real temptations.
- 3rd. To say the acts of faith, hope, and charity, every day.
- 4th. To repeat as often as may be a short form of prayer.
- 5th. To say daily at least, and as often as may be, a fervent act of contrition.
- 6th. To begin every day with an unalloyed offering of myself to my crucified Redeemer, and to conjure Him, by all His merits, in piety, occupied with permanent buildings, and surrounded by summer cottages and by hotels, where the stranger who wishes to attend the meetings, and haply to be converted, must pay a high price for accommodations.—N. Y. Sun, August 26th.

DISINTERESTED EVIDENCE ABOUT CAMP-MEETINGS.

Taken altogether it has been a great year for camp-meetings, though gradually the social feature is gaining on the spiritual. In old times the camp-meeting was mainly directed to procuring religious conversions, and the tally of converts told, with the stern logic of figures, whether a camp-meeting had been successful or not. Then the camps were rough, erected for a temporary purpose, and abandoned when the protracted meeting was over. Now the so-called camp-meeting is a fashionable Methodist resort chosen by hillside or seashore for its advantages in picnicking and in the matter of the camp-meeting, with permanent buildings, and surrounded by summer cottages and by hotels, where the stranger who wishes to attend the meetings, and haply to be converted, must pay a high price for accommodations.—N. Y. Sun, August 26th.

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